

REMARKS

Claims 25, 29, 30 and 43-56 are pending. The Office Action dated August 20, 2008 in this Application has been carefully considered. The above amendments and the following remarks are presented in a sincere attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. Claims 51 and 52 have been amended in this Response. Claims 25, 29, 30 and 43-50 have been cancelled without prejudice in this Response. Applicants reserve the right to resubmit the cancelled claims, and state that the subject matter thereof has not been dedicated to the public. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for an indication that Claims 53-56 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Applicants have amended Claims 52 and 53 to correct typographical errors found on further review of the claims. Specifically, Claim 52 has been amended to add the word “and” to properly join elements of the claim. Claim 53 has been amended to add the word “and” for the same reason, and has been further amended to add “of” to provide proper grammatical structure to the claim sentence. Applicant further contends that the rationale underlying these non-narrowing amendments bears no more than a tangential relation to any equivalence in question because the non-narrowing amendments are only directed to typographical errors easily identifiable as such by a person of skill in the art. *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 122 S.Ct. 1831 (2002). Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

Claims 25, 29, 30 and 43-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,387,212 to Yuan et al. (“Yuan”). In this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claims 25, 29, 30 and 43-50 from further consideration in this application. The rejections of Claims 25, 29, 30 and 43-50 are therefore deemed to be moot. Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by Claims 25, 29, 30 and 43-50 is not patentable. Claims 25, 29, 30 and 43-50

were cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the remaining claims. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue additional claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 25, 29, 30 and 43-50, as presented prior to this Amendment in one or more continuing applications.

Claims 51 and 52 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have rewritten these claims into independent form that includes all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to these claims be withdrawn and the Claims 51 and 52 be allowed.

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of Claims 51-56.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for making this reply and hereby authorize the Director to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP. Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due; however, in the event that any other fees are due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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